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In re Application of
ALLAN F. WILLIS ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/741,730

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The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2002 in the above-captioned application. Please enter the following Amendment:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants note the requirement for formal drawings upon allowance of the application, as set forth in paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the withdrawn claims 8-22 without prejudice to the subject matter claimed therein.

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 6 as indicated on the attached sheets which show the particular claim amendments. The claims as amended are presented below. Please add new claim 28. All pending claims (claims 1-7 and 23-28) are presented for sake of convenience.

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	13	Minus 27	= 0	x \$18 =	\$.00
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